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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/801,676; Filed: March 9, 2001  
(Continuation of Appl. No. 09/549,996; Filed: December 14, 1999)  
For: **Computer Program for Thermal Shift Assay Apparatus for Ligand  
Development and Multi-Variable Protein Chemistry Optimization**  
Inventors: Pantoliano *et al.*  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Second Preliminary Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121  
and Submission of Sequence Listing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(c);
2. Computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing; and
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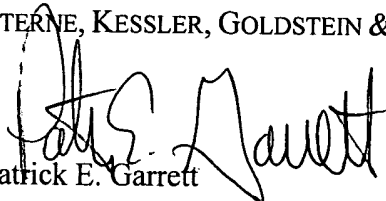
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necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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